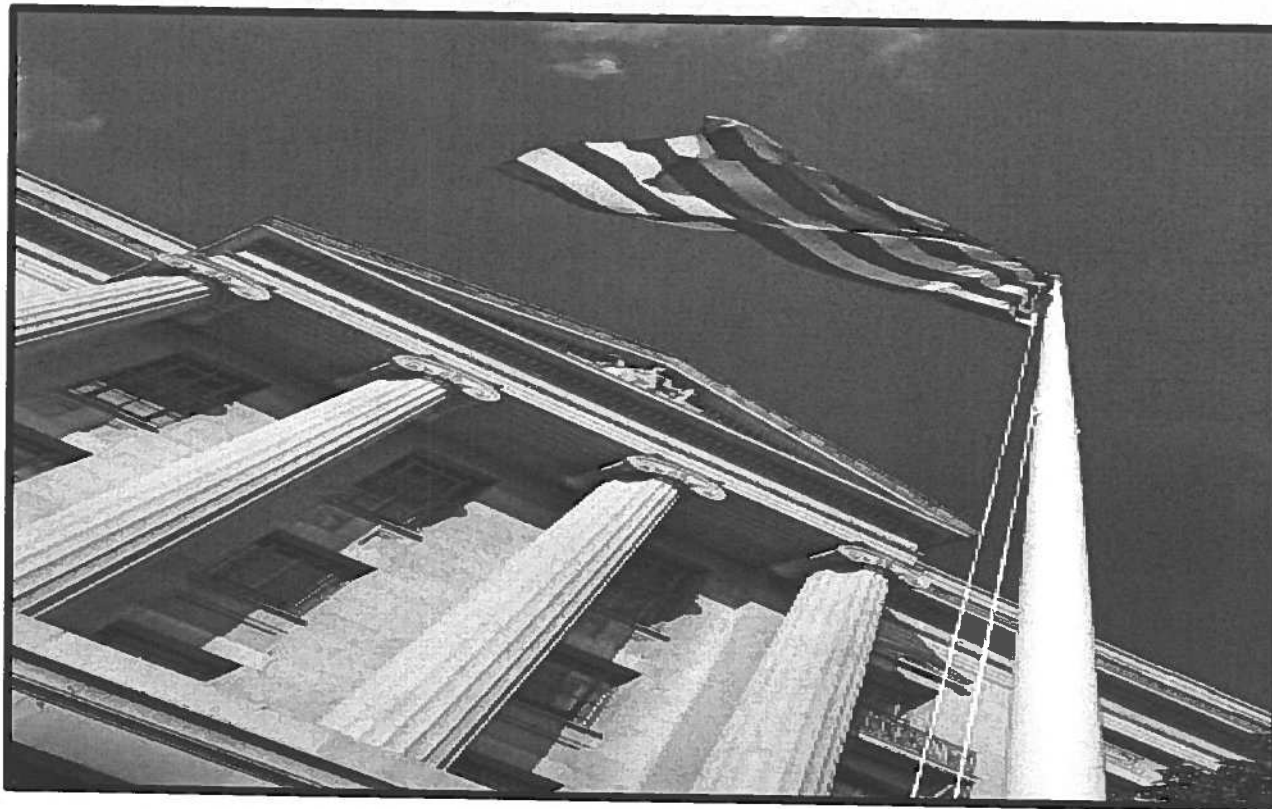


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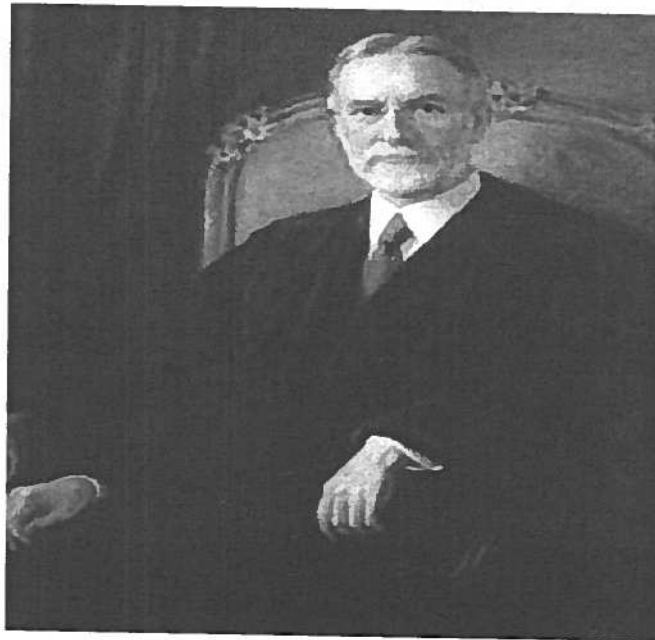


American Bar Association:

"The duty of the prosecutor is to seek justice, not merely to convict."

Justice George Sutherland:

"The [Prosecuting] Attorney...is in a peculiar and very definite sense the servant of the law, the twofold aim of which is that guilt shall not escape or innocence suffer"

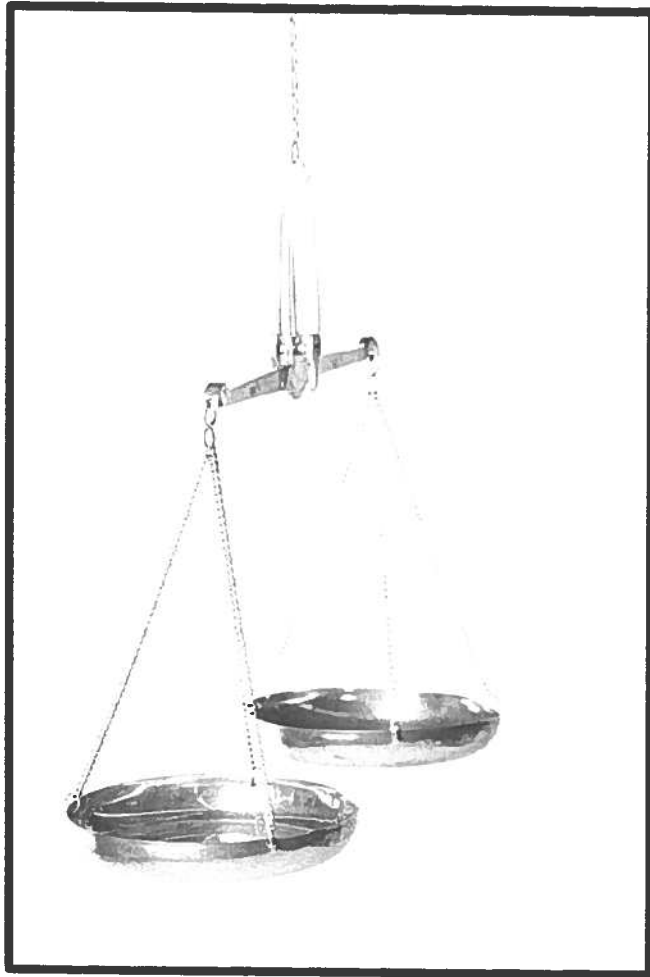


The Prosecuting Attorney is a constitutional officer.



- Elected to 4 year terms.
- Partisan ballot
- Run with the President

Over 200 Statutes and Court Rules Define a Prosecutor's Duties



- Prosecution of criminals
- Protection of abused and neglected children, elderly
- Assist crime victims
- Advise county government

Defense Attorneys:

- Represent their client
“zealously within the bounds
of the law”



Prosecuting Attorney:

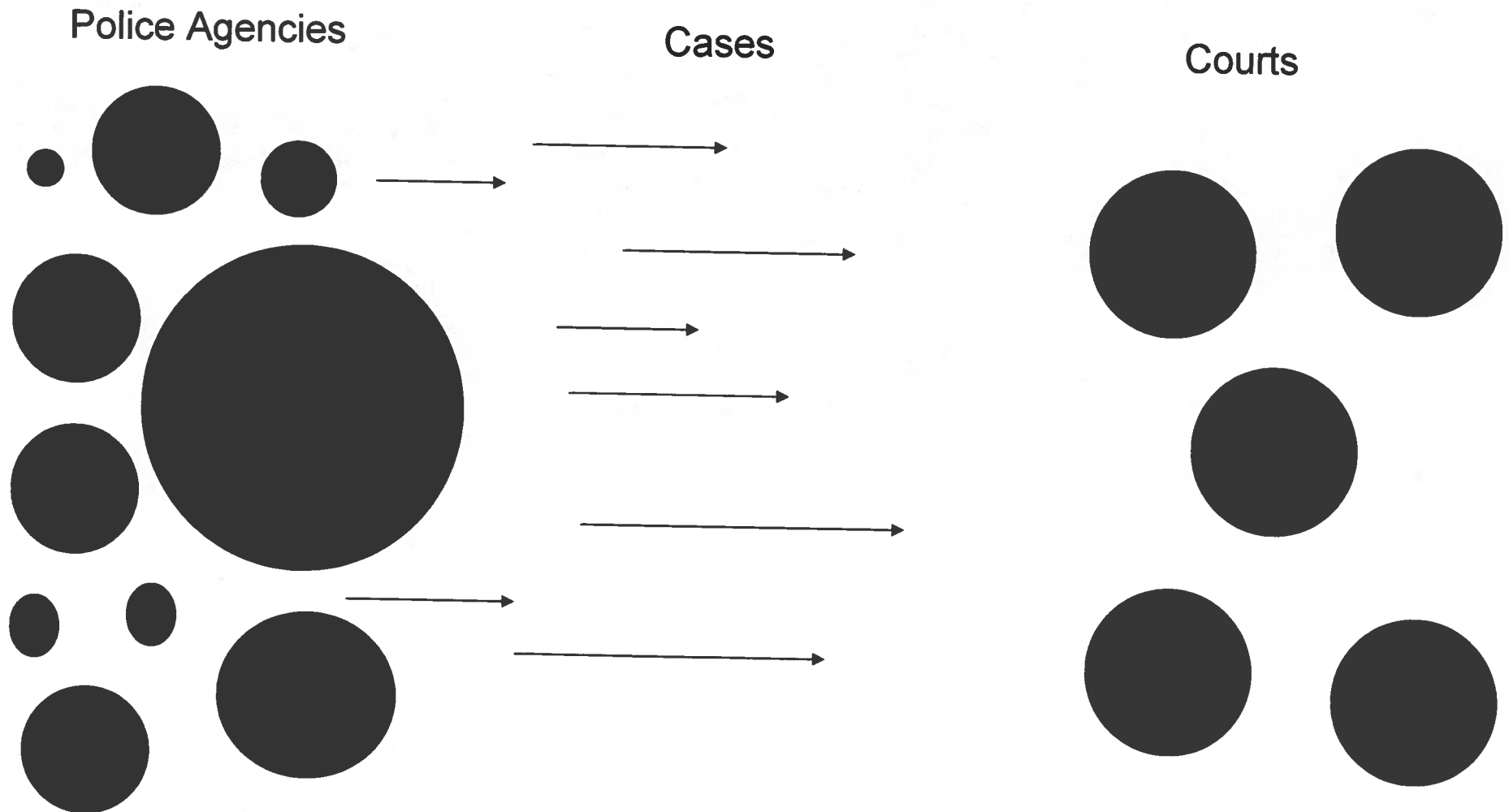
Obligation to seek justice.

Client: Society

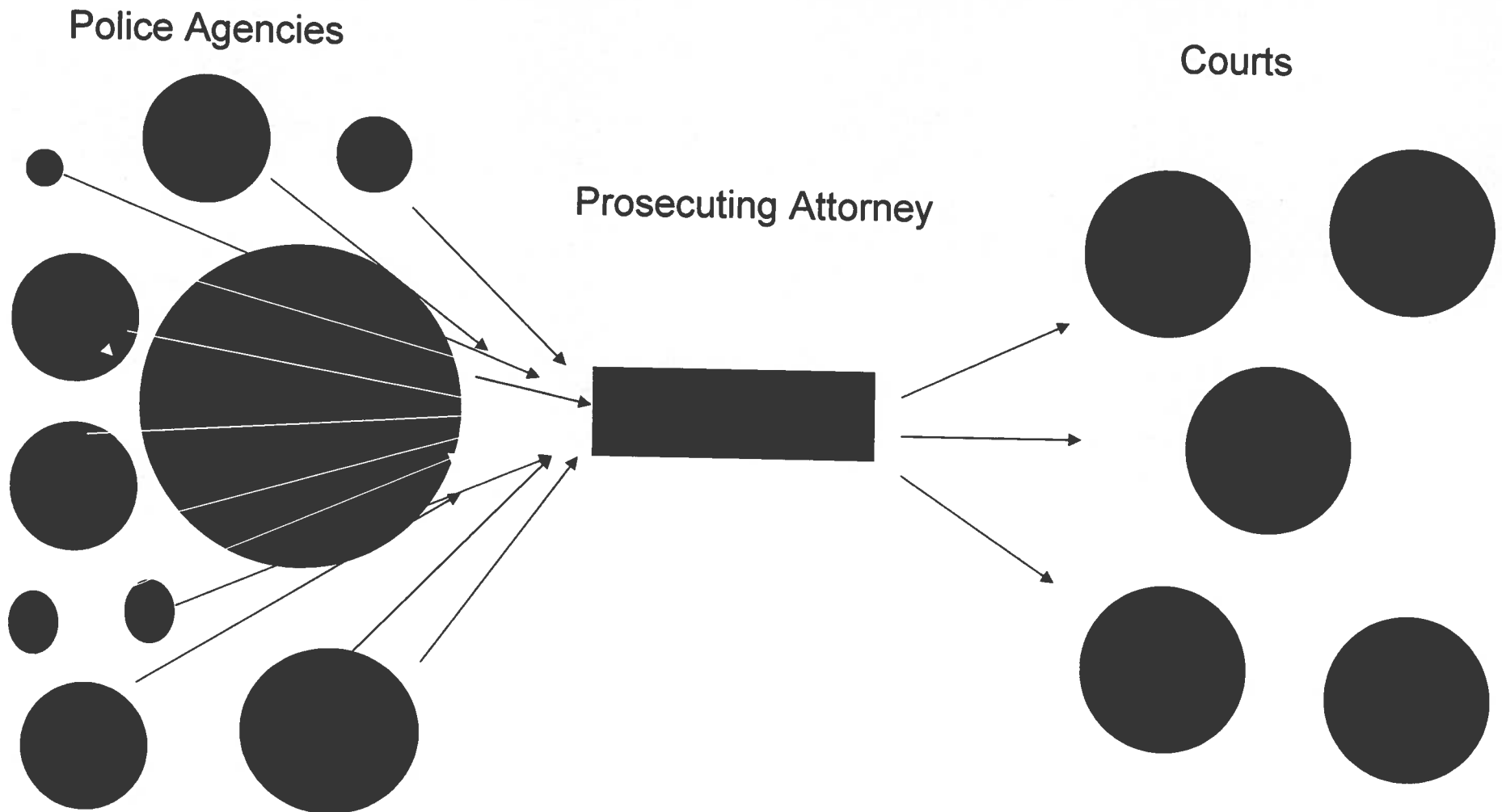
Discretion



Public Perception of Criminal Justice System



Prosecutor Makes Charging Decision



Criminal Justice Issues

- Penalties:
- Sentencing
 - CSG/Criminal Justice Policy Commission

Only **14%** of
felons are sentenced
to prison in MI

Criminal Justice Issues (cont.)

- Victims
- Indigent Defense
- Elder Abuse
- Public Safety

